

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the Suspension or Revocation)
of the Educator Certificate of)
Matthew F. Healy)
Certificate 214729)

CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on June 14, 2006. On January 23, 2006, the State Department of Education (Department) sent notice to Matthew F. Healy of the possible revocation of his educator certificate by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested. Mr. Healy requested a hearing, but subsequently agreed to waive his right to a hearing and to accept a period of suspension of his certificate. After considering the evidence presented by the Department, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Healy's certificate for a two year period, under the agreed-upon terms as outlined in this Consent Order.

Matthew
F. Healy

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Matthew F. Healy holds a valid South Carolina certificate and has two years of teaching experience. During the 2005-2006 school year, Mr. Healy was employed as a teacher and coach at Fort Dorchester High School in Dorchester County School District Two. Mr. Healy resigned from his employment on October 28, 2005, following an investigation into allegations that he was having an inappropriate relationship with an eighteen-year old, female student. Mr. Healy denies that the relationship was sexual in nature.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-150 (2004), S.C. Code Ann. §59-25-160 (2004); 24 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58. The State Board finds that the evidence presented supports its conclusion that just cause exists to suspend the educator certificate of Matthew F. Healy for a period commencing retroactively on December 15, 2005, through December 14, 2007.

Accordingly, the State Board issues this Consent Order of Suspension, with the understanding that if Mr. Healy wishes to have his certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he must submit to the Department's Office of General Counsel verification from a licensed counselor that he has successfully participated in some period of counseling. This Consent Order of Suspension shall be reported to all school districts in South Carolina and maintained as a public record by the State Board.

South Carolina State Board of Education

/S/ Joe Isaac

Joe Isaac, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina

June 14, 2006

I, Matthew F. Healy, S.C. Educator Certificate 214729, do hereby agree to this Order of Suspension, consisting of two pages, and understand that this Order will be presented as signed to the State Board of Education on June 14, 2006.

/S/ Matt J. Healy
Matthew F. Healy

6/1/06
Date